

### Remarks

Applicants include herewith a petition for a one-month extension of time and the appropriate fee. Applicants appreciate that claims 1-13 and 24-28 are allowed.

### In the Claims

Claim 29 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sundararajan 6,601,650.

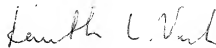
Applicant appreciates the conversation with Examiner on July 21, 2008. During that conversation, the priority information of the application was discussed. The first sentence of the national phase application was added at the time of filing to include a reference to Sundararajan and other related patents. During the conversation with the Examiner, it was also noted that two of the related applications referenced in the first sentence were not included in the Patent Office's records of claimed priority. Applicants have also checked the dates to verify accuracy of the priority dates, and believes the Patent Office's listed dates are accurate, yet incomplete.

The present application is based on the international application, which is based on a provisional application dated June 17, 2003. This date precedes the issue dates of Patent Nos. 6,601,650, 6,609,533, and 7,040,408. which issued after this date, and therefore were co-pending with the present application. Patent 6,601,650 is a continuation-in-part of the remaining listed priority patent 6,575,426.

As requested by the Examiner, Applicant hereby provides a Corrected Application Data Sheet to help in correcting the priority data. Where the blanks in the automatic on-line form did not provide options, Applicants have handwritten in the priority information.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the application now stands in condition for allowance. Applicant also requests that the priority information in the Patent Office's database be corrected, so that the issued patent will include this information.

Respectfully submitted,



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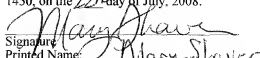
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